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Folk's Reasons (?)

JEFFERSON CITY, July 23, 1907.

To the Secretary of State:

Sir:—In re William Spough, Jr., convicted of murder in the first degree at the October term, 1906, of the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri—on an appeal from the Circuit Court of Reynolds county—and was sentenced to be hanged on January 10, 1907, which sentence was stayed by executive order, and the execution is now fixed for Thursday, July 25, 1907.

The extreme penalty of death should never be administered unless the facts clearly justify the State taking the life of a human being. My experience of four years as circuit attorney of the city of St. Louis and two and a half years as Governor, in both of which offices I have had to pass upon a great many cases of this character, convince me that the State is rarely warranted in putting a prisoner to death. Under our system of law the Governor has more than a passive duty in passing on death sentences. No man can be executed without his consent. He is made by law virtually the executioner. It is for him to say whether the prisoner shall die or live in prison during his natural life. When a sentence is commuted from death to life imprisonment it is not an interference with the due course of the law, but it is carrying out the law in accordance with the responsibility imposed upon the chief executive. In every case that has come before me for my decision as to whether or not the death penalty should be inflicted I have read the entire record carefully and in no instance have I permitted a prisoner to be put to death where I could find that the public morals of the commonwealth would be as well subserved by confining that prisoner in the penitentiary for life.

Where there has been any doubt I have made it a rule to resolve that doubt in favor of human life, believing that if the State would inspire respect for human life it must itself show regard for it. If those under sentence of death who have their sentences commuted to imprisonment for life really remain in prison so long as they live, every reasonable objection to avoiding the death penalty where it is not absolutely necessary to inflict it is answered. I have made it a policy never to release a man from prison whose sentence has been commuted from death, and will not do so on holiday pardon or for any other cause except absolute innocence. I hope that those who follow me in the executive office will continue this, so that a sentence for life in the penitentiary will really mean what it says. There are cases where the State must take human life in order to protect society, but I do not think this is one of them. The policy of this State in reference to capital punishment is expressed in the enactment of the recent General Assembly, giving the jury power to fix the punishment, which means the abolition of the death penalty except in clear cases of cold blooded, deliberate murder.

This defendant, his brother, Arthur Spough, and his mother were indicted, jointly, for murder in the first degree, for having engaged in a conspiracy in the killing of Sheriff John W. Polk of Iron county, a man who was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and who was a most popular and efficient officer. There had been some difficulty in the town of Ironton between one of the Spough brothers and a citizen of that town, in which the citizen was injured; the sheriff went to the place where the Spoughs lived, some distance from Ironton, to arrest them; he went without a warrant, believing as it appears from the testimony, that a felony had been committed. In endeavoring to make the arrest he was shot and killed. By reason of the popularity of the sheriff and the manner of his death the tragedy caused great excitement in the county, and indignation at those responsible for it.

The defendants ran away, but were captured by a posse of the county. Feeling ran so high that a mob was formed and an assault made on the jail where the prisoners were confined in an attempt to reach them to inflict summary punishment upon them. Both of the prisoners were shot and seriously wounded by the mob,

which, however, was dispersed and the lynching prevented.

A change of venue was granted the defendants from Iron county to Reynolds county, which adjoins Iron county, and where practically the same feeling existed against the defendants. A short time after the homicide, and while the feeling against the prisoners was still intense, Wm. Spough was put on trial. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. Some months later Arthur Spough was tried. He took the witness stand in his own behalf and stated that he fired the shots that killed the sheriff; that Wm. Spough, who had been previously convicted of murder in the first degree, was unarmed and retreating from the sheriff at the time he, Arthur, fired the shot. The jury in this case returned a verdict of murder in the second degree and fixed his punishment at confinement in the penitentiary for a term of 55 years. The mother was later put upon trial, resulting in a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary, and at the second trial she was acquitted. She was charged with having incited and inspired the boys to take the life of the sheriff.

The situation, therefore, is, this defendant was charged with conspiring with Arthur and his mother to commit murder in the first degree. One of the alleged co-conspirators, his mother, was acquitted entirely; the other, his brother, Arthur, was acquitted by a jury of murder in the first degree and convicted of murder in the second degree. So William Spough alone of the alleged conspirators was convicted of murder in the first degree.

There was introduced in evidence a confession alleged to have been made by Wm. Spough to the posse that captured him. In this confession he is quoted as saying: "I shot him in the head with a Winchester rifle, and bent the barrel over his head." How the barrel of a Winchester rifle could be bent by striking a human head is difficult to understand, especially as the skull of the deceased showed no evidence of fracture that a hard blow with a heavy instrument would produce.

It would seem to be an injustice for Wm. Spough, whom Arthur Spough testified did not fire the shot that killed the sheriff, and who it seems was unarmed and backing away from the sheriff at the time the sheriff was killed, to be hanged, and his brother, Arthur, who really did the killing, and is the more guilty of the two, only receives 55 years in the penitentiary. If both Arthur and William Spough had been convicted of murder in the first degree, and the cases were before me on application for commutation, Wm. Spough, under the facts, would be the more deserving of clemency, and if either were allowed to hang it would be Arthur. The mere fact that Arthur Spough received a less sentence than perhaps he should have received would not justify the taking of the life of Wm. Spough as a vicarious atonement for this crime, for which the one most guilty was only given a penitentiary sentence. If William Spough should not be hanged, had Arthur Spough been executed for this murder, William Spough should not be hanged simply because Arthur Spough escaped execution.

Believing that the demands of justice will be fully met by confining this defendant in the penitentiary as long as he lives, I therefore hereby commute the sentence of William Spough, Jr., from death to imprisonment in the Missouri State Penitentiary for life. Issue accordingly.

Respectfully,
JOS. W. FOLK, Governor.

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Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri, to be
held at Ironton, in said county, on the
12th day of August, A. D., 1907.

H. A. NALL, Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the under-
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P. W. WHITWORTH, Administrator.

Wm. R. Edgar, Attorney.

PROBATE DOCKET.

Term Docket of the Probate Court of
Iron County, Mo.,—August Term,
A. D. 1907.

Monday, August 12.

Adelia A. Tribble, Executrix of the estate
of William L. Tribble, deceased.
Wm. R. Edgar, Administrator, with will
annexed, of the estate of Sarah M. Emerson,
deceased. Final.
Wm. R. Edgar, Administrator de bonis
non, with the will annexed, of the estate of
J. W. Emerson, deceased. Final.
Dr. C. L. Blanks, Guardian of the person
and Curator of the estate of Wm. R. Hins-
dale.

Tuesday, August 13.

Mollie F. Barlow, Executrix of the will
of Thomas B. Barlow, deceased.
Phillip Cogan, Executor of the will of
James P. Thomas, deceased.
Emma Kerchner, Executrix of the will of
Joseph Kerchner, deceased. Final.
P. W. Whitworth, Administrator of the
estate of W. H. Byers, deceased. Final.
W. T. Gay, Guardian of the person and
Curator of the estate of Edgar Gilman, a
minor. Final.

Wednesday, August 14.

Arthur Huff, Administrator, with authen-
ticated will annexed, of estate of Harriet H.
Emerson, deceased.
Arthur Huff, Guardian of the person and
Curator of the estate of Rufus Sutton, a
minor.
Giles G. Henderson, Guardian of the per-
son and Curator of the estate of Florence
Henderson, a minor.

Thursday, August 15.

James M. Logan, Executor of the will of
W. S. Wiatt, deceased.
O. W. Roop, Public Administrator of the
estate of Jane Thomas, deceased. Final.
Lucy C. Daniel, Administrator, with the
will annexed, of the estate of Milinda Kapp,
deceased. Final.
H. A. Nall, Administrator of the estate of
Sallie A. Nall, deceased. Final.

Friday, August 16.

Henry Schlesselmann, Curator of the
estate of Blanch McFarland, a minor.
Henry Schlesselmann, Curator of the
estate of Cornelia McFarland, a minor.
Lucy C. Daniel, Guardian of the person
and Curator of the estate of Alfonso Daniel,
a minor.
Lucy C. Daniel, Guardian of the person
and Curator of the estate of Garza Daniel,
a minor.

Saturday, August 17.

Lucy C. Daniel, Guardian of the person
and Curator of the estate of Mionia Daniel,
a minor.
Lucy C. Daniel, Guardian of the person
and Curator of the estate of Lydia Daniel,
a minor.
Lucy C. Daniel, Guardian of the person
and Curator of the estate of Lovetia Daniel,
a minor.
Lucy C. Daniel, Guardian of the person
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a minor.
E. L. BARNHOUSE,
Judge of Probate & Ex-Officio Clerk.

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Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, G. W. Bradley and Stella Bradley,
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Deeds for the County of Iron, and State of
Missouri, in Book 46, at page 233, did con-
vey to P. W. Whitworth, trustee, the follow-
ing described real estate, situate, lying and
being in the County of Iron and State of Mis-
souri:

At the east half of lot two (2) of the
northwest quarter section three (3) in town-
ship thirty-one (31), north, of range four
east, containing forty-one and twenty-two
one-hundredths (41.22) acres, more or less.
Which conveyance was made in trust to
secure the payment of one certain promissory
note described therein:

And, whereas, default has been made in
the payment of said note and interest, now
past due and unpaid:

Now, therefore, at the request of the legal
holder of said note, and in pursuance of the
terms of the said deed of trust, I, the under-
signed trustee, will, on

Monday, September 24, 1907,

at the east front door of the courthouse, in
the City of Ironton, Iron County, Missouri,
between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 5
o'clock P. M. of that day, sell, at public
vendue, the above described real estate and
property to the highest bidder for cash, to
satisfy said note and the costs and expenses
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(The deed of trust under which this sale
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Jeremiah M. Ashlock and Martha Ashlock,
his wife, under date of December 3, 1902.)

P. W. WHITWORTH, Trustee.

Ironton, Mo., July 31, 1907.

Goodland Items.

The heaviest rain of the season
fell last Sunday night, tearing up
the roads and doing considerable
other damage.

Corn crops about Goodland are
looking fine. Hay is about over
haying weather ever knew here.

Little Wilbur Crocker was bitten
or stung by some poisonous insect.
His hand and arm were frightfully
swollen for a few days, but we are
glad to note that he is recovering.

Walter Mayfield is working at
Flat River; also, Mr. Pryor.

Elmer Keith is staying with Mrs.
Pryor and attending school at
Goodland.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford, of Black,
were week-end guests of Goodland
friends.

F. M. Adams, with Mr. and Mrs.
Henderson of Belgrade, attended
church at Goodland last Saturday
and Sunday.

Mrs. Westerman, of Edge Hill,

is spending a few days with rela-
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Mrs. Ellen Johnson and Miss
Ina, of Lesterville, are visiting her
father, Dr. Adams.

R. C. Love, F. M. Adams and C.
W. Eaton attended Lodge at
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Geo. Gallaher and family, Mr.
and Mrs. Gallaher and Miss Kate
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John Black and family, of West
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Monroe, at Goodland last week.

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Love and Lon Goggin, of Edge
Hill, and Theo. and Jesse Brooks
were guests of Clifford and Ran-
dolph Adams last Sunday.

Cliff Adams has returned from
Belgrade, where he worked three
weeks at haying.

Blanche Eaton, who is teaching
at Pine Grove, spent last Saturday
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